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NOTE FOR: ADCI

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SUBJECT: Floor Vote on your Nomination

Assuming a favorable SSCI vote, Majority Leader Byrd will next schedule a vote on your confirmation on the Executive Calendar of the Senate. Byrd and Boren will consult on when to bring it up for a vote. We can assume that Boren will push for an early date.

If you have received strong support from the SSCI, the floor vote could occupy no more than a few hours and could even be conducted as a roll call vote. On the other hand, some members may wish to debate certain points, leading to a process which could extend beyond two hours to as much as a day.

Boren will make an opening statement, and Cohen has the option of making one of his own. These statements undoubtedly will support your candidacy and make various points about the strength of your qualifications.

We can expect further exploration on the floor of the notification issue and the Iran-contra issue. In the event new issues arise and to the extent that your SSCI sponsors require new information to use in rebuttal, [redacted] and I will be posted in the Vice President's office just off the Senate floor to answer questions and, in my case, to contact you or Headquarters for additional information.

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Assuming a favorable vote on the Senate floor, the Senate will then transmit your nomination papers to the White House for Presidential signature. As soon as the President signs these papers, you are officially the Director even though you may not have been sworn in.

Subsequently, the White House will contact you regarding your swearing-in ceremony. As on the previous occasion, it is up to you to decide who you want to do the honors. Anyone authorized to administer an oath can perform this service. Among those authorized are judges, Cabinet Members, and officers of State and Federal Courts.

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